Agra, Muzaffarnagar, Sultan pur, Ghaziabad and Saharanpur. During the drive, 122 sales premises, were raided and 238 samples were drawn, 10 FIR were filed and 17 persons arrested.

(b) The manufacturer of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity of the unlicensed manufacturers. However, whenever such cases come to light, raids are carried out by the State Drugs Control Department with the help of police to apprehend the culprit.

(c) Hospitals purchase drugs from licensed manufacturers or dealers. State Drugs Inspectors carry out sampling of drugs from Hospitals to ensure quality of the drugs supplied to the hospitals.

Stem cell therapy

†2670. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incurable diseases are being treated by means of stem cell therapy in the country also;

(b) if so, the reasons for not informing the people about treatment through stem cell therapy in the country;

(c) the number of patients who have gone abroad to get treatment through stem cell therapy during the last five years; and

(d) the details of efforts being made for making this mode of treatment easily accessible to all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) There are claims by the institutions regarding various incurable diseases treated by stem cell. According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), there is no approved indication for stem cell therapy as a part of routine medical practice, other than Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT). Accordingly, all stem cell therapy other than BMT shall be treated as experimental. Government do not maintain Central Registry with regard to the number of patients going abroad to get treatment through stem cell therapy during the last five years. ICMR have prepared draft National Guidelines for Stem Cell Research and Therapy.

Admissions of convicted persons in RML Hospital

2671. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of white collared offenders involved in criminal cases have been admitted in R.M.L. Hospital even for minor ailments;

(b) if so, what is the number of such persons admitted in the Hospital during the last two years; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.